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Dear Bill:

I thought the President's position at Cancun was excellent. As always after a Summit, the task is vigorous follow-up. The tendency among some will be: "I'm sure glad we came out of that without damage." But the fact is that we have a major positive interest in a sensible North-South partnership on energy and agriculture in particular because, if those situations corrode, we'll have much bigger political and strategic problems than we already have in the developing regions.

My candidate for a first follow-up move is to call the Special OAS General Assembly meeting, long postponed, and start the work in this Hemisphere on the basis of the Herrera Report which pretty well meshes with what the President said at Cancun.

Yours,

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